



Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, date of birth, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment Information
- Special Educational Needs Information
- Behavioural information (such as, achievements, exclusions, internal exclusions and detentions)
- Health and medical information (such as dietary requirement and medication details)
- Safeguarding and Child Protection reports and disclosures
- Photographs and video clips
- Post 16 destinations and learning information

Why we collect and use this information

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing
- to support transition to post 16 education/training

The lawful basis on which we use this information

- We collect and use pupil information under a task performed in the public interest where it relates to a child's educational progression
- Some photographs and videos are used only after gaining explicit consent
- Where medical data is being processed, this is processed under a legal obligation (Children and Families Act 2014 which includes a duty on schools to support children with medical conditions)
- Safeguarding data is processed under the legal obligation of The Education Act 2002. Sections 21 and 175 detail how governing bodies of schools must promote the wellbeing of pupils and take a view to the safeguarding of children at the school
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- Section 3 of the Children Act 1989 places a duty on a person with the care of a child to do all that is reasonable in the circumstances for the purposes of safeguarding the child
- Education Act 1996, relating to attendance at school
- We collect and process pupil information under Article 6 of the GDPR to perform our official function (public task)
- We collect and process pupil information classed as special category data, e.g. race, ethnicity etc under Article 9 of the GDPR for reasons of substantial public interest, on the basis of Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject

Collecting pupil information

Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data based on the retention schedule provided in the IRMS School Toolkit. We hold pupil data until the pupil attains the age of 25 under the Limitation Act 1980 and for statements maintained under the Education Act 1996 – section 324 and proposed statements or amended statements under the Special Educational Need and Disability Act 2001 section 1 until the pupil attains the age of 30.

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupil's attend after leaving us
- our local authorities
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Learning Records Service (ULN)
- Post 16 providers
- Health Professionals
- Careers Advice
- NHS
- MAT's
- School Nurse
- Educators and examining bodies
- Police and Courts
- Suppliers and service providers (please refer to appendix 1)

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share pupils' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our pupils with the (DfE) under regulation 5 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

Data collection requirements:

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

Youth support services Pupils aged 13+

Once our pupils reach the age of 13, we also pass pupil information to our local authority and / or provider of youth support services as they have responsibilities in relation to the education or training of 13-19 year olds under section 507B of the Education Act 1996.

This enables them to provide services as follows:

- youth support services
- careers advisers
- Post 16 education and training providers

A parent or guardian can request that **only** their child's name, address and date of birth is passed to their local authority or provider of youth support services by informing us. This right is transferred to the child / pupil once he/she reaches the age 16.

For more information about services for young people, please visit our local authority website.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department. It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our pupils from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested: and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to pupil information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

COVID – 19

Data collected for the purposes of public health (including visitor contact data for COVID-19) will be kept as long as required. Contact data for visitors will be kept for 21 days after the most recent visit, with information on visitors kept as per standard retention requirements. Public Health data may be shared with third-parties as required including, but not limited to:

1. National Health Service (including NHS Test and Trace)
2. Public Health England
3. Other local health authorities

Data collected and processed for public health purposes is done so under GDPR [Article 9\(2\)\(i\)](#) which states: (in part) "processing is necessary for reasons of [public interest](#) in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health..." and [Recital 54](#) which includes: "The processing of special categories of personal data may be necessary for reasons of public interest in the areas of public health without consent of the data subject."

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact Data Protection Education Limited, Email: DPO@dataprotection.education

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Data Protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Contact

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact:

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